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SUBJECT: UK CLOSES BRITISH COUNCIL OFFICE IN MOGADISCIO

1. SUMMARY: AS RESULT OF MINISTERIAL DECISION IN LONDON, BRITISH COUNCIL CLOSED ITS CULTURAL CENTER AND LIBRARY ON MARCH 17.

2. BRITISH COUNCIL HAS TWO BRITISH STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIBRARY AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS HERE AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF TEN UK CONTRACT TEACHERS IN NORTHERN SOMALIA. COUNCIL DIRECTOR WILL REMAIN UNTIL NORMAL END OF TOUR IN JUNE. COUNCIL DIRECTOR NOTIFIED GSDF IN WRITING AND ORALLY MARCH 15 THAT COUNCIL WOULD CLOSE DOWN ITS OPERATIONS. NO SPECIFIC REASON WAS GIVEN. AT SAME TIME, COUNCIL OFFERED LIBRARY BOOKS TO GSDF.

3. PRESENT POLICY REGARDING BRITISH TEACHERS IS THAT THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO SERVE OUT THEIR PRESENT CONTRACTS BUT THAT ANY REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OR RENEWAL WOULD BE " CONSIDERED."

4. LONDON APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET REACHED FIRM DECISION ON EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS (AS RESULT OUSTER VETERINARIAN TEAMS) THAT HMG GET OUT OF BI- LATERAL AID BUSINESS IN SOMALIA (MOGADISCIO 1590). FINAL DECISION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL REPORT OF UK INSPECTORS CONSIDERED; LATTER HAVE JUST COMPLETED TEN- DAY INSPECTION OF EMBASSY.

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